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## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-23 were pending in this application.

Claims 19-21 have been allowed.

Claims 1-18, 22, and 23 have been rejected.

Claims 1 and 10 have been amended as shown above.

Claims 1-23 remain pending in this application.

Reconsideration and full allowance of Claims 1-23 are respectfully requested.

## I. ALLOWABLE CLAIMS

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 19-21 are allowable.

These claims have not been amended and therefore remain in condition for allowance.

The Applicants have also amended Claims 1 and 10 as shown above. Based on the reasons for allowance provided regarding Claims 19-21, the Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments overcome the prior art rejections and place Claims 1 and 10 in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request full allowance of Claims 1-23.

## II. CONCLUSION

The Applicants respectfully assert that all pending claims in this application are in condition for allowance and respectfully request full allowance of the claims.

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## **SUMMARY**

If any issues arise, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this application, the Applicants respectfully invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at wmunck@munckbutrus.com.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees connected with this communication (including any extension of time fees) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

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